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### BOOK REVIEWS.

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**Speeches and Orations of John Warwick Daniel**, Compiled by His Son, Edward M. Daniel. Lynchburg. J. P. Bell & Company, Inc., Printers. 1911. Price \$3.50 in cloth.

No one who knew John Daniel—as his people loved to call him—can take up this volume without a sense of regret, realizing that his magnificent personality, superb presence and musical voice are no more of this earth. Adding these to the addresses and orations contained in the handsome volume, there has been nothing like them in our generation. And even deprived of all of these personal characteristics few books have been published in many a decade which contain greater thoughts, preserved in more eloquent and forceful language. History, political science, literature, patriotism—all these are to be found in these masterful addresses of a master orator. Did one wish to read panygeric coupled with exact truth, clothed in superb rhetoric untarnished by exaggeration, he can find it in the orations upon Lee and Washington and Davis and Jackson. Did he wish pathos mingled with fervid patriotism, touched now and then with a bit of humor to relieve what otherwise might have been too severe a tension, let him read the oration at New Orleans in 1892 at the Annual Reunion of the Confederate Veterans. If a manly tribute of personal affection to a great and misjudged leader, coupled with historical facts and clear, eloquent, convincing proofs of merit are desired, read the oration on Jubal A. Early. If a wonderfully clear enunciation, demonstration and support of a great political doctrine is wished, it can be found in the speech upon the Monroe Doctrine.

But to select any of the twenty-nine addresses contained in the book as a masterpiece would do injustice to the others. Nowhere do we know of a more admirable selection of more admirable matter. To the older members of his profession we can commend this work as one combining entertainment with instruction; to the younger as a model of style, a mine of information, and worthy to be read and re-read by all who desire to cultivate strength of argument and beauty of language. To the reading public at large it furnished a source of intellectual gratification and should be in the library of every person who desires one of the world's "best books."

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**American and English Annotated Cases**, containing the important Cases selected from the current American, Canadian and English Reports, thoroughly annotated. Editors William McKinney

and H. Noyes Greene. Volume 21. Edward Thompson Company. Northport, L. I., New York. 1912. Price \$5.00.

The present volume continues the excellent system of selection and annotation which has characterized this series. We have had occasion to examine with a good deal of interest the following notes: Liability of Land Owner Excavating on His Own Premises for Resulting Injury to Adjoining Building; Conclusiveness of Statement in Bill of Lading as to Quantity of Goods Received by Carrier; The Eligibility of Women to Public Office—we are rather surprised however, in this case that Virginia is not cited as one of the states in which a woman is now allowed to act as Notary Public. The note on Duty of Railroads to Give Signals at Private Crossings, page 168, is one of the most complete and valuable notes which we know upon this subject. The note on The Right of Security on Contractor's Indemnity Bond to Assert Lien on Property, is also of value in view of the great conflict of authority upon this question. The note upon the Federal Pure Food and Drugs Act is also of much novelty and interest.

The fact that these volumes draw alike from Canada and Great Britain adds very much to their value, and we have found the whole system of great usefulness in the examination of legal questions.

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**The Law of Personal Injuries**, and Incidentally Damage to Property by Railway Trains, Based on the Statutes and Decisions of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals of Georgia. Revised and Enlarged Edition. By John L. Hopkins. In two volumes. Volume II. Atlanta. The Harrison Company. 1912. Price \$12.00.

Whilst this book is avowedly written as a digest of Georgia decisions, and with reference to the Georgia Code, its usefulness goes far beyond the border lines of any state. The law of personal injuries is one of such importance in all the states, that the decisions of a court like that of Georgia are exceedingly useful. The author has so grouped his cases as to show the relative value and importance of each and the true state of the law can be readily ascertained upon any given point of the subject even in a hurried examination. It becomes practically a text-book, based upon decisions quoted at some length and so arranged as to cover the whole law upon the point decided. We believe the book one which will be of great value to any lawyer interested in the subject of personal injuries, and that means pretty much the whole profession.